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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Pearson James F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
76 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
(Street)

AKRON, OH 44308

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FIRSTENERGY CORP [FE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President and Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | C                              |   | 1,053<br>(2)<br>\$ 42.53  | A  | 1,719 D                           |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 725 (2)<br>\$ 42.53   | A  | 2,444 D                           |
| Common Stock                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | F                              |   | 720 (2)<br>\$ 42.53   | D  | 1,724 D                           |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 2,100 I By Mother (jointly)       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 4,896.152 I By Savings Plan       |

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number Shares |
| Rsup4                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | C                              |   | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2009  | Common Stock | 1,053 <sup>(2)</sup> |
| RSUP12                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 03/02/2009                           |  | A                              |   | 03/02/2012   | 03/02/2012  | Common Stock | 1,239 <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Phantom 3/07d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2007   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 1,092                |
| Phantom 3/08d                              | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2008   | 03/01/2011  | Common Stock | 1,125                |
| Phantom 3/09D                              | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2009   | 03/01/2012  | Common Stock | 66                   |
| Rsud2                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2010   | 03/01/2010  | Common Stock | 40                   |
| Rsud5                                      | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/01/2011   | 03/01/2011  | Common Stock | 64                   |
| Rsup10                                     | \$ 1 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/03/2011   | 03/03/2011  | Common Stock | 1,38                 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                             | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| Pearson James F<br>76 SOUTH MAIN STREET<br>AKRON, OH 44308 |               |           | Vice President and Treasurer |       |

## Signatures

Edward J.  
Udovich, POA

03/04/2009

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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The RSUP4 award listed in Table II has been reported at 75% of the original grant amount, as that represents the minimum amount guaranteed to be paid out upon vesting. Because of performance targets achieved, the award was paid out on March 2, 2009, at a performance-adjusted rate of 125%. The shares coded "A" represent that portion attributable to this performance adjustment. The shares coded "F" were sold to cover income tax obligations associated with the payout.

(2)

On February 17, 2009, the Board approved a March 2, 2009 performance-adjusted restricted stock unit grant to Mr. Pearson in the amount of 2,477 shares, of which 50% or 1,239 shares will be payable on March 2, 2012. Of these shares, 1,238 shares are subject to forfeiture if the performance goals are not met. The full grant can be adjusted upward by an additional 50% if the 3-year goals are achieved.

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